

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 are pending; Claims 5, 8, 13, and 18 are amended; and no claims are newly added or canceled herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 5, 6, 8-11, 13-16, and 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Berke (U.S. Pat. No. 6,629,092); and Claims 1-4, 7, 12, and 17 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-4, 7, 12, and 17 are allowed. Because these claims have not been amended, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-4, 7, 12, and 17 remain in condition for allowance.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 5, 6, 8-11, 13-16, and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Berke, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claims 5, 8, 13, and 18 have been amended to recite that the information provided from the information provider is provided via the mediate apparatus in response to the demand information.

As previously explained by the Applicants, Berke relates to a search engine. Berke describes that the search engine searches the database table which will have one entity associated with the input data. However, Berke does not disclose or suggest that information is provided from the information provider in response to demand information. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 5, 6, 8-11, 13-16, and 18-21 patentably distinguish over Berke, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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